

# Colossians Series

## Lesson #11

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A landscape photograph showing a field of bare trees in the foreground, a dark hill in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **COLOSSIANS:** **Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**Four Things to Pray For**  
**Colossians 1:9–12**

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**Col. 1:11, “strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;”**

**Col. 1:12, “giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.**

**Col. 1:13, “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,**

**Col. 1:14, “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”**

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**Eph. 5:18, “Be filled  
by means of the Holy  
Spirit”**

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accusative case (not  
instrumental) of reference “filled  
with reference to knowledge”  
knowledge, recognition**

**Pastor-Teacher**

**FHS**

“understandable”

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**V**  
+

*Application  
“wisdom”*

*Academic  
knowledge*

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**V**  
+  
*gnosis*

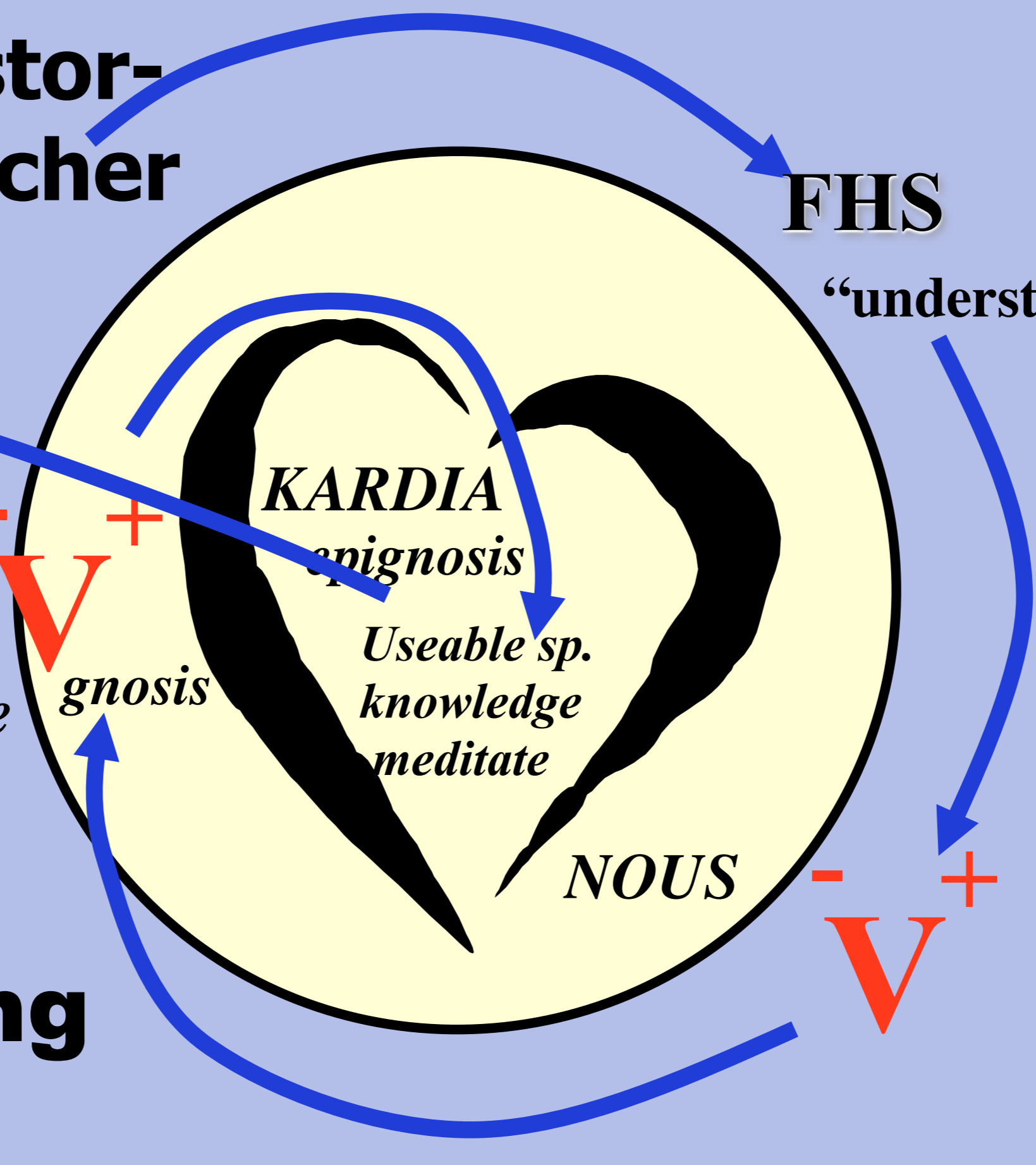
**KARDIA**  
*gnosis*

*Useable sp.  
knowledge  
meditate*

**NOUS**

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**V**  
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**Grace  
Learning  
Spiral**





# Meditation

אָמַר (*ʿāmar*) *say, speak, say to one self (think), intend, command, promise.*

בָּקַר (*b<sup>e</sup>qar*) *Seek, inquire (only in the Piel stem).*

הִגָּה (*hāgâ*) I, *utter, mutter, moan, meditate, devise, plot.*

שִׂיחַ (*s'îah*) I, *meditate, muse, commune, speak, complain.* Has the idea of rehearse, to talk to oneself, to go over a matter in one's mind

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**חִכְמָה (hokmâ) wisdom.** The skillful application of doctrine to the details, challenges, and decision making of life.

**בִּין (bîn) understand, consider, to choose between options.** Critical thinking about the details, challenges, and decisions of life based on biblical truth.

# **Biblical Wisdom and Understanding**

## **1. The starting point:**

**Prov. 1:7, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”**

**Prov. 9:10, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”**

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## **2. The prerequisite for wisdom: humility**

**Prov. 11:2, “When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom.”**

**Prov. 15:33, “The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.”**

**Prov. 22:4, “By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life.”**

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## **3. The priority of wisdom**

**Prov. 4:7, “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.”**

**Prov. 23:23, “Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding.”**

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## **4. The value of wisdom**

**Prov. 8:11, “For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.”**

**Prov. 19:8, “He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding will find good.”**



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## **5. The source of wisdom**

**Prov. 2:6, “For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding;**

**Prov. 2:7, “He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;”**

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- 6. Biblical wisdom is the only hope of meaning and happiness in life.**

**Prov. 3:13, “Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding;”**

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**Spiritual understanding:**

**Prov. 10:13, “Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, but a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.”**

**Prov. 14:33, “Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, but what is in the heart of fools is made known.”**

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